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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/688,889  
Applicants: Tetsuya YOSHIKAWA, et al.  
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For: HIGH PRESSURE PROCESSING METHOD AND  
APPARATUS  
Group Art Unit: 1746  
Examiner: EL ARINI, ZEINAB

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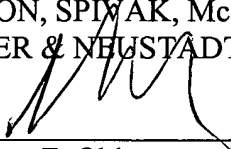
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In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2006 Applicants herein elect a Group II, claims 7 to 19 directed to a high pressure processing apparatus for further prosecution of the present application.

Applicants traverse the outstanding Restriction Requirement as the outstanding Restriction Requirement has not established that an undue burden would be required if the Restriction Requirement was not issued and if all the claims were examined together. More particularly, MPEP §803 states:

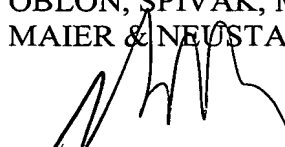
If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions.

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In the present application any search of the elected claims would also include the classes and subclasses appropriate for searching the other claims, and so then would be no undue burden if all of the claims were examined together.

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